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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6176

BILL NUMBER: HB 1018

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 26, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Jan 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Mine Electrician Certification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ubelhor

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Steele

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires mine electricians who perform electrical work in certain coal mines to be tested by and receive a certificate of competency from the Mining Board. It allows certain individuals certified by the Mine Safety and Health Administration or another state to serve as a mine electrician if the individual obtains an Indiana miner's certificate of competency from the Director of Mines and Mine Safety. It also makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Mining Board:* This bill requires the Mining Board to test and certify mine electricians. The board meets on a quarterly basis to administer tests and provide certifications. Testing and examination of mine electricians will need to comply with federal regulations and be approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration in the U.S. Department of Labor. There could be some initial expenses related to beginning the process for meeting federal regulations, but the additional testing and certification of mine electricians should be able to be accomplished within existing resources.

Currently, the board provides state certification testing for mine foremen, mine examiners, belt examiners, hoisting engineers, and shot-firers.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Fees for Certificates of Competency and Examinations:* This bill would increase revenue from fees assessed by the Mining Board by requiring the examination of mine electricians. The bill also allows individuals from other states that have certification from the Mine Safety and Health Administration to obtain an Indiana miner's certificate of competency without examination. Statute

provides that the examination fee is \$25 and the certificate fee is \$5, but also allows the board to set different fees by rule. Revenue from these fees is deposited in the Mine Safety Fund. For FY 2011, revenue from these fees totaled \$5,400.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Mines.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Auditor of State, *Revenue Trial Balance*; Donald McCorkle, Bureau of Mines, 812-888-4514.

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